Project by the above Joint Project Office to ascertain likely constraints in the implementation of these projects so that these could be appropriately addressed.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Flood management being within the purview of State Government, the schemes are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments.The assistance rendered by Central Government is technical,catalytical and promotional in nature. Besides steps taken by the Government of India regarding the studies of the dams as indicated in para (a), a number of other steps have been taken by Central Government to assist the State Government in flood management. A scheme to take up "Critical anti erosion works in Ganga Basin States" at an estimated cost of Rs. 178.85 crore (Central Share of Rs. 136.17 crore) was approved during the Tenth Plan (2004—07). An amount of Rs. 40.00 crore has been allocated to Government of Bihar under the scheme. Assistance is also being rendered to the State for maintenance of Kosi embankment (Nepal portion); improvement of drainage; extension, raising and strengthening of embankments for Rivers Lalbakeya, Kamla, Bagmati and Khando; during the Tenth Plan with outlays of Rs. 27.00 crore, Rs.27.38 crore, Rs. 46.00 crore respectively. Central Water Commission is also issuing flood forecasts through a nation wide flood forecasts and warning system including Bihar in order to mitigate the damages from floods.

Government of India also constituted a Task Force for Flood Management/Erosion Control to examine the problem of flood and erosion in Assam and neighbouring States, West Bengal, Bihar and Eastern Uttar Pradesh. The Task Force has *inter alia* recommended immediate, short term and long term measures. The report of Task Force has been sent to the concerned State Governments/Departments of Central Government etc. for obtaining their views and to take follow up action.

Schemes for development of water resources

4330. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has been approached for a heavy loan for development schemes in the water sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any scheme for development of water resources in the NE

Region, particularly in Assam, is likely to be financed by the World Bank loan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has approached the World Bank for extending their expertise for the study on "Water, Natural Resources and the Environment for Development and Growth in North East". The study is an integrated project combining all natural resources for their efficient utilization for developmental purposes keeping the environmental issues in mind. The proposed study with the help of the World Bank is at the initial stage of formulation.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (2003-2004) of the Vayudoot Limited, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): Sir, I lay on the Table:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Vayudoot Limited, New Delhi, for the year 2003-2004, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1981/05]

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

II. Statement (2004-2005) of Market Borrowings by Central Government

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Sir, I lay on the Table:—